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Attached is HTS' news release regarding the incident on 7/13/13. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks
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EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio – In response to the concerns of our neighbors, Heritage Thermal Services (HTS) today is announcing the initial test results of ash that was collected in the East End following the incident on July 13. According to these initial results, there is no cause for concern at this time about adverse health effects from the levels of compounds in the ash. A summary will be published shortly on the company's website at www.heritage-thermal.com.

"We thank our neighbors for their patience to learn about the results," HTS President John Avdellas said. "We needed this time to ensure the samples were collected and tested properly.

"In addition, we are continuing to collect samples in the East End," he said. "We have hired an environmental specialist to plan, conduct and report the findings of soil tests, which should take a month or so to complete."

The initial ash samples were analyzed for the presence of 23 compounds. They are: aluminum, antimony, arsenic, barium, beryllium, cadmium, calcium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, lithium, magnesium, manganese, mercury, nickel, phosphorus, potassium, selenium, silver, sodium, thallium and zinc.

HTS personnel took to the East End streets immediately to collect samples of the ash residue after the incident which lasted for a brief period of time. These samples were collected from surface areas, such as poles, meters and swimming-pool water.

They gathered more samples on Monday with oversight of the Ohio EPA, which also collected samples of its own. The HTS samples were sent to a laboratory qualified to test and compile the results in accordance with generally accepted methods and procedures established by the federal government.

In short order, HTS proactively set up an 800 call-in line for residents to contact the company about their concerns. HTS also offered free car washes and deployed cleanup crews in the East End to clean houses, pools and any other item upon request. The company contracted the city's street sweeper to clean the streets, which also helped to pick up the dust left from last week's flooding in the neighborhood.

"Again, we are sorry for disturbing our neighbors' summer afternoon on July 13. We are working hard to make sure it does not happen again," Avdellas said.

The HTS call center will be open this Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The number is 1.800.343.1984.

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Note: Editors and reporters are welcome to contact Kathryn Kelly, Delta Toxicology, at 775.544.5023.

